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4. U.S. Patent No. 5,059,769 issued October 22, 1991 to Fortune.
5. U.S. Patent No. 5,048,742 issued September 17, 1991 to Fortune.
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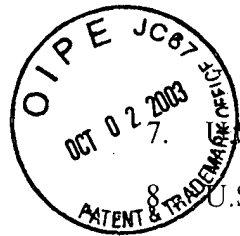
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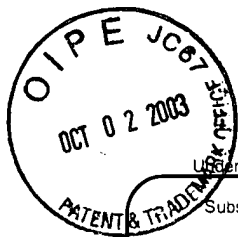
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